

OPENING OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE EAST SIDE OF MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT

On the morning of Monday 21st January 2019, the construction site for the expansion works on the east side of Milan Bergamo Airport's passenger terminal opened with a strike of a mechanical pickaxe. The works will go on for 15 months and have been assigned to the Temporary Association of Enterprises, formed by Milesi geom. Sergio S.r.l., the general contractor, together with Isocell Precompressi S.p.A., Termotecnica Sebina S.r.l. and Effeci Tecnoimpianti S.r.l.

The undertaking, which was won with a bid for 14.4 million, is part of a programme of works, entirely financed by SACBO and costing about 40 million, which will extend to the west side of the airport and, over the course of two years, will increase the area to a total of 70 thousand m², in preparation for the linking of the west terminal with the terminus of the future railway connection.

"The start of the works on the airport building confirms SACBO's untiring desire to invest in service infrastructures in order to guarantee the airport the technical and operational capacities necessary for fulfilling its key role as a connecting link between the territory and national and European mobility routes, which in turn are connected with the rest of the world," declares Emilio Bellingardi, Director General of SACBO. "The investments set out in the new airport development plan, amounting to 450 million, indicate SACBO'S long-term vision aimed at fulfilling the forty-year management mandate, and are a proactive example in a time that reminds us of the importance of infrastructure as a key tool for the country's growth."

The works, which have started off in the east zone of the airport, coordinated by SACBO's infrastructure management which is headed by eng. Alessandro Reina, will enable the construction of the new building in continuity with the passenger terminal, redeveloping the available space and creating two new gangways equipped with a lift, with a subsequent increase from 5 to 10 boarding gates in the non-Schengen area.

Upon conclusion of the works, the area dedicated to non-Schengen flights will be contained in the eastern part of the airport, with arrivals on the ground floor and departures on the upper floor. This will make transits easier and better structured. At the same time, the baggage checking system, which will subsequently be expanded and adapted to meet Standard 3 regulations, will be arranged on the ground floor in the space reserved for the BHS block, and will be installed with the latest X-ray machines.

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